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SUBJECT: PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR JUSTICE UNDERSECRETARY MACARAIG

REF: A. STATE 02838, B. MANILA 1455, C. STATE 016209

1. AS THE SECOND-RANKING OFFICIAL IN THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT, UNDERSECRETARY MACARAIG HAS PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS IN THE FORMULATION AND APPLICATION OF LAW. HE IS DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN EFFORTS TO IMPROVE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PROSECUTION FUNCTIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES. AS A MEMBER OF THE GOP DANGEROUS DRUGS BOARD (SEVEN-MEMBER, CABINET-LEVEL, POLICY-MAKING BODY) HE IS ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN ALL ASPECTS OF THE ANTI-NARCOTICS DRIVE IN THE PHILIPPINES, FROM INTELLIGENCE AND ENFORCEMENT TO PREVENTIVE EDUCATION, TREATMENT, AND REHABILITATION. HIS IV PROGRAM SHOULD BE DESIGNED TO MELD THESE TWO MAJOR INTERESTS.

2. IN WASHINGTON, SECRETARY MACARAIG, SHOULD HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET WITH AMBASSADOR SHELDON B. VANCE OF S/NM, DEA ADMINISTRATOR PETER B. BENSINGER, DR. ROBERT DU PONT, ATTORNEY GENERAL EDWARD H. LEVI, FBI DIRECTOR CHARLES M. KELLEY, CUSTOMS COMMISSIONER VERNON D. ACREE, LEAA ADMINISTRATOR RICHARD W. VELDE, DR. JEAN PAUL SMITH OF NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DRUG ABUSE, JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT, THE SOLICITOR GENERAL, MEMBERS OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS, INCLUDING THE SUPERIOR COURT, AND THE NARCOTICS TREATMENT ADMINISTRATION, SECRETARY MACARAIG
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HAS PREVIOUSLY MET AMBASSADOR VANCE AND ADMINISTRATOR

VELDE.

3. SECRETARY MACARAIG IS ALSO DEEPLY INVOLVED IN LEGAL PROBLEMS RELATED TO SUBIC NAVAL BASE AND CLARK AIR BASE. ONE DAY IN D.C. SHOULD BE SPENT WITH THE OFFICES OF THE NAVY AND AIR FORCE JUDGE ADVOCATES GENERAL. SUGGEST ONE-HALF DAY AT THE PENTAGON AND ONE-HALF AT THE FORRESTAL BUILDING WITH A JOINT LUNCHEON BY THE TWO JAGS.

4. SECRETARY MACARAIG WOULD LIKE TO VISIT A VARIETY OF CITIES AND AREAS IN THE U.S. WHERE HE HAS NEVER BEEN. SUGGEST OMIT PROGRAMMING IN CHICAGO, LOS ANGELES, SAN FRANCISCO AND HONOLULU. HE WISHES TO SPEND 3 TO 5 DAYS PER VISIT IN ORDER TO LEARN AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE ABOUT EACH PLACE.

5. BECAUSE OF HIS INTEREST IN INTERRELATED PROBLEMS OF YOUTH DELINQUENCY AND DRUG ABUSE, HE WOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITIES TO VISIT JUVENILE COURTS, REHABILITATION FACILITIES, HAL-WAY HOUSES, DRUG EDUCATION PROGRAMS, PAROLE AND PROBATION OFFICERS, PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS, JUDGES OF LOWER AND UPPER COURTS, LAW SCHOOL FACULTIES, AND STATE POLICE ACADEMIES. SUGGEST A VISIT TO CALIFORNIA YOUTH AUTHORITY AT SACRAMENTO, AND PERHAPS ALSO THE ADULT AUTHORITY.

6. HUMAN RIGHTS IS ANOTHER SPECIFIC AREA OF INTEREST. MOREOVER, SECRETARY MACARAIG HAS EXPRESSED DESIRE TO MEET WITH FSO RONALD PALMER, WHO NOW ASSIGNED D/HA. SUGGEST ONE-DAY PROGRAMMING AT DEPARTMENT INCLUDE MEETING WITH OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH PROBLEMS OF HUMAN RIGHTS. FSO PALMER IS PERSONAL FRIEND OF THE UNDERSECRETARY.

7. PER MANILA 0690 AND REFTEL C. SECRETARY MACARAIG WISHES TO VISIT UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN AT ANN ARBOR, AND ALSO TO ATTEND MEETING IN D.C. OF AMERICAN LAW INSTITUTE (MAY 18-21).

8. SECRETARY MACARAIG SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH. ESCORT SHOULD BE PROVIDED THROUGHOUT VISIT.

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